



January 30, 2020

Mindy Conn, Board Chair
School Board of Monroe County
241 Trumbo Road
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Ms. Conn,

Ocean Studies Charter School is interested in amending its charter contract to increase its maximum enrollment and expand to include a middle school program for the students of the Upper Keys.

At the December 17, 2019 Monroe County School Board Meeting Workshop, our school requested a maximum enrollment increase from the current 116 students in our charter contract to 140 students. Our school is moving to a new facility in August and will have additional space for new students. In addition to this increase in enrollment, we would like to expand our school to include middle school grades beginning with the 2021-2020 school year. This would result in an additional increase in maximum enrollment to 180 students once the middle school grades are made available.

The addition of a middle school would allow us to continue to educate students about our unique Florida Keys environment through our hands on, real world experience-based marine science program. Our middle school students would continue to experience weekly Field Labs in our community while solving problems in collaboration with community members to protect our fragile ecosystem. At the February 11, 2020 Monroe County School Board Workshop, I will share our vision and plan for the middle school.

In sum, Ocean Studies Charter School is requesting an amendment to its charter contract to address the following:

- Increase the school's maximum enrollment to 140 students beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and 180 students beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.
- Add grades sixth through eighth beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

I have provided additional documents for your reference before the meeting. The documents provided include the initial letter requesting the enrollment increase, the proposed middle school amendment to the charter contract, a copy of our Capital Campaign Brochure, and our Five Year Strategic Vision.

I look forward to sharing our middle school vision with you at the upcoming meeting. Please feel free to call, email, or visit the school for more information. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Trisha Woods
Principal